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Use the Celebrated Carlsbad Pine Cone Soap.

BROOKLYN.

Delicious Candy Specials 15c. Pound.

More Ribbons at a Sc. TO 48c. instead of 75c. to \$1.25. A

a Fraction. to \$1.25. A beautiful lot con-

sisting of miles and miles of all kinds of

plain and fancy all silk Ribbons, the very best qualities, in widths of from 1/4 to 61/4

inches, including a large lot of manufac-turers' remnants and loom ends, at 3c. to 48c., instead of 7c. to \$1.25.

Jaconet Lawns of remnants of all this season's popular productions at Bestion O. Extremo rear.

Hurry Sale of Summer

The new store space now nearing completion on Elm Place, stands in eloquent evidence of our endeavor to meet the demands of a largely increasing business. Its growth measures up to the magnificent possibilities of a Greater New York. And Fall importations and new stocks from many mills and marts are knocking for admittance and we already must make room to some extent by hurrying out the Summer stocks. This sale begins to-morrow and will be pushed vigorously every day this week. We virtually offer the public a premium to help us make room and here are some remarkable offerings to begin with.

SENSATIONAL SALE OF JARDINIERES.

One of the best makers of solid color glazed Pottery Jardinieres arranged with us to keep his expert employees busy this summer. We give you the advantage of his sacrifice of profit at the following low figures:

POTTERY JARDINIERES in various solid colors, new and good shapes—All perfect.
6 in. size 10c. instead of 25c. 7 " 25c. " 50c. 8" 1.98 " 4.00 8 " 4.00 2.98 " 6.00 10c. instead of 25c. 25c. " " 50c. 39c. " " 75c. 59c. " " 1.00

FEAST OF LAMPS AND GLOBES.

High-class in every respect, new and bright and most of them exquisitely hand-painted. Just the goods you'll likely choose at three times our present price a

LAMP GLOBES AT \$1.50. Regular prices are upwards to \$5 and \$6. These are of various sorts and all sizes, mostly hand-painted Globes, and some in Colored at Class. LAMPS-but not many of them. \$35.00

Dainty Lawns and Dimities
White Goods
at Half. Pretty Plaid Nainsection B. sooks, good quality,
were 10 to 12c. yard, for 7%c, yd.
Real Dainty Swiss, fine quality, 34
inches wide, 18c. value for 10c. yd.

Second Week of Our Semi-Annual Sale of Carpets and Rugs. Last Week's Unprecedented Success Widened the Scope of Opportunities and We not Only Present Fresh Lots of Many of the Previous Week's Attractive Features, but Add a Special Line of

Exquisite Axminster Carpets

Most of them entirely new in coloring and design, at 89c. yd., not a yard worth less than \$1.25, and many rolls \$1.50 yd. Also 7,500 Yards of Rich Tapestry Brussels

in Parlor, Hall, Stair and Chamber patterns. Carpet experience will acknowledge these to be regular 75 and 85c yd. qualities—this sale Price 53c. yd.

5000 Yds. of Splendid Body Brussels fresh from one of the most famous makers, a credit to 20th century carpet progressiveness. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.10 qualities. This sale price 79c. yd.

We Need the Room So Badly That We Offer 200 Rolls of Japanese Mattings

at half price. The patterns are very pleasing. \$9.75 Roll of 40 Yards for \$4.87. \$13.50 Roll of 40 Yards for \$6.75. A Great Offering of Rug Goodness.

And here is an unusual opportunity-Best quality Gold Medal Reversible Smyrna Rugs. Such perfect copies of finest

Turkish and Persian rugs that an Oriental connoisseur would hardly guess the counterfeit.

There are about 15 very pleasing patterns

\$4.95 \$7.45 \$9.95

There are about 30 of one pattern for \$7.45.

BAGDADS, all wool and reversible, suitable for Couch Covers, Portieres

Ten bales of Smith's Moquette Mats, 18x36, regular single door size, about a dozen very pretty patterns for 59c. and but three different sizes, your choice |

at these remarkably low prices: 6x9 ft. 7--6x10--6 ft. 9x12 ft. \$4.95 \$7.45 \$9.95

and Turkish Corners. The new effects and well blended colors will delight you. Worth \$6 and \$7 values, Mon-day's sale price \$4.25. About 25 Inja Hand-made, Wool Rugs about 4 ft. by 7 ft., regular \$12.00 Rugs for \$7.25.

It's A Famous Furniture Sale.

Either we are selling about all the Furniture bought in Brooklyn and round about or else the demand has suddenly doubled. We planned to create a sensation and did it. Of course the fame of the furniture values we are sending into homes everywhere, spreads and the buying fever is catching.

Iron and Brass Bedsteads.

They have increased from 25 to 50 per cent. in cost. We bought before the advance and offer you these three lots AT \$7.65 INSTEAD OF \$10.50-White

patterns of White Enameled, artistically ornamented with brass trimmings, fitted complete with woven wire springs, full

sizes only.
A LOT OF ODD BEDS in single and full away under the market.

T \$7.65 INSTEAD OF \$10.50—White Enameled, brass mountings, complete with woven wire springs, full sizes only, 4 ft. 6 in, wide.

Three chairs for the price of one.

PARLOR SUITS AT HALF.—A limited double the price later in the season.

\$10.75 FOR \$18.00 COUCHES.—This Divans, a goodly collection of pretty. 4 ft. 6 in. wide.

AT \$9.95 INSTEAD OF \$15.00—Two is a regular snap in Couches, all new, covered in attractive velour, showing a

little ornamental wood-work in Oak and imitation Mahogany.

\$3.98 FOR \$12.00 CHAIRS.-A lot of odd Arm Chairs, inlaid, tapestry seats. Three chairs for the price of one.

number of Parlor Suits, Chairs and Divans, a goodly collection of pretty, artistic and comfortable things, all at half price.

GOOD BYE SUMMER SILKS.

These cut-in-two prices can't dim the shimmer of their beauty, nor the "swish" of their fine quality. You get the silks for half; we get the room for Fall importations. 2,500 YDS. JAPANESE, CORDS & KAI KI SILKS, wide choice of best color-ings in fancy Plaid and Striped effects,

39c. yd. value for 25c. ,000 YDS. 24 INCH PRINTED BROCHE INDIAS, strong, serviceable quality, three tone designs on black and colored grounds, mostly \$1.00 yd. silk

3,000 YDS. FANCY TAFFETA SILK, charming evening and street colors, Pompadour Stripes, Fancy Plaids, Roman and Bayadere stripes, 98 and \$1.25

yd., value for 49c. yd.
1,200 YDS. 23 INCH BLACK 8ATIN
STRIPE INDIA SILK, new, exquisite
designs in floral and conventional
patterns. Bright and durable cloth. A worthy 75c, value for 49c, yd. 800 YDS, 36 in. BLACK JAPANESE

SILK, fine lustrous quality, reduced from 89c. to 65c. (10 yds. to a Dress Pattern.)

A PRICE SALE IN BLACK DRESS GOODS. sympathy with the forward movement of the colored dress goods the rich

blacks go to.

48 in. IMPORTED FANCY BRILLIAN-TINES a choice collection of styles in bright silken effects at 45c. Reg. price

45 in. MOHAIR BRILLIANTINE, in a high lustrous finish, at 35c. Reg. price 50c.

18 in. ALL WOOL GRANITE SUITINGS tightly twisted, dust resisting materials, at 59c. Reg. price 75c.

50 in. ALL WOOL CAMELS HAIR CHEVIOT, thoroughly sponged and shrunk, at 69c.

Boys' Negligee Shirts.

Every shirt made to our special order, and is a compliment to good taste and excellent make. Not all sizes in each

AT 50 CENTS.

Men's and Boys' Negligee Shirts of Madras, Percale, Oxfords and Flannel, some with two collars and one pair cuffs, others with one pair cuffs, originally priced at \$1 to \$1.50 each.

AT 75 CENTS.

Men's Negligee Shirts of Imported Madras and Oxfords, some with two collars and one pair cuffs, detached, others with cuffs attached or detached. Reduced from \$1.50 and \$2.

ADIEU! WASH WAISTS.

Every garment remaining of this season's brilliant stock, at the cost of making and less. Some of the lots are incomplete in size, and some of the waists show slight handling, but that will all come out in the wash and the quality and style for these little

Fine white lawn, some trimmed with em- | all very daintily made, at \$1.98; original

broidery, others full front, yoke back, broken lot, odd sizes, at 69c., original prices 98c. and \$1.19. Fine white sheer lawn, made with tucked front and yoke back, others trimmed

with embroideried bias effects, at 98c. original prices, \$1.45 and \$1.69. Fine white lawn, made with four rows of insertion down the front and some

made bayadere or bias effect, \$1.29, original prices, \$1.69 and \$1.98. Fine White Sheer Lawn, in a variety of designs, round yoke style, others with fancy tucking, others with hemstitching, price \$3.25 to \$3.98.

Colored Shirt Waists.

An assorted lot made of Percale and Lawn, light and dark effects in stripes and figures, some of them with corder fronts, others full fronts and yoke back, 69c.; original price 98c. to \$1.69. Percale or chambray waists, some made with voke, some with lace or embroidery inserting and tucks, 98c.; original gingham, in blue, pink and lavender effects, very dainty and elaborately trimmed with embroidery, \$1.45; original price \$3.98 and \$2.98.

SPECIAL IN MISSES WAISTS.

Assorted sizes, 8 to 14 years, made of percale, lawn and gingham, in blue, pink and lavender colorings, checks, stripes price \$1.98 and \$2.25.

A very fine lot of colored shirt waists in fine madras, pique and zephyr

and figures, also a few odd white ones in this lot at 49c.

Original price 98c. and \$1.25.

BOYS' \$4.98, \$5.45 AND \$6.48 SUITS AT \$2.98.

suitable for Fall wear. Just a third former prices to sell them quickly.
450 Nobby Sailor and Vestee Suits, sizes 3 to 8 years, but not all sizes in any one style.
Nicely made of fine all-wool cloths, in Cadet gray, Tan covert and a few of Blue and
Red serge and a lot of Cheviots and Cassimeres in neat Plaids and pretty mixtures, edium and heavy weight, all handsomely trimmed with braids and embroidery, and cloths in contrasting colors. Also Stylish Double Breasted Suits in sizes 7 to 16 years, made extra well, of durable all-wool Cheviots and Cassimeres.

SUPERIOR UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY FOR A "SONG.

sleeves, drawers with strap backs and suspender tapes to match. Sizes, shirts 34 to 44, drawers 30 to 40.

AT 25c. INSTEAD OF 39c. to 65c.— AT 25c. INSTEAD OF 39c .- Women's | Richelieu Ribbed White Lisle Thread Vests, low neck, no sleeves, handsomely trimmed at neck and arms. Sizes, 4, 5 Children's extra fine quality colored cotton lisle thread and silk pleated hose, ribbed and plain. Sizes, 7, 7 1-2 and

AT 19c. INSTEAD OF 35c.—Men's ex-tra quality colored balbriggan shirts, French neck, pearl buttons and long

FRY PANS, slightly handled, assorted MRS. POTTS IRONS, complete set of sizes, some of 60c. ones while they nickel plated polishing irons, consisting

ASH CANS, full size, heavy galvanized iron, protected with hardwood slats, DOORMATS, slightly handled, some worth \$.. 45 for 74c.

A Host of Helpful Housekeeping Handiness At Whittled Down Prices.

88c. for 65c. per set.
PARLOR BROOMS, hand made, selected corn, 3 sewed, 2 for 35c. Only
2 to a customer.
TOILET PAPER, in rolls of 1,000
CO-CARTS, a limited quantity. Recliners with rubber tire wheels, \$4.75.
PUTZ CREAM, unequaled for polishing all metals. 12c.
ACME SOAP, has no superior, 12 cakes for 25c.

nickel plated polishing irons, consisting of 3 irons, stand and handle. Value, GO-CARTS, a limited quantity.

and One of the Largest Retail Establishments in the World. A total area of over 400,000 square feet of shopping space—and still growing. Seventy distinct and separate depart-

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

The Leading Department Store of Brooklyn

ments, each a complete store in itself, brimful with the most attractive merchandise the world produces. All goods marked at the lowest prices, for under no circumstances do we permit ourselves to be undersold. Every device that adds to the comfort and convenience of visitors and lightens the labor of our employees has been introduced. In short, a model establishment, and the most interesting place to see in Brooklyn.

Very Light Prices for AND NOW WE'RE READY FOR A Underwear.

This offering is sure to command the attention of all men with foresight enough to anticipate their underwear wants by a few weeks-as it will insure to them a very considerable saving. It concerns a lot of two-thirds wool Shirts and Drawers.

\$1.00, \$1.25 Garments at 59c. each

When you take into consideration the great increase in the cost of wool and the consequent advance in the price of all woolen garments you will appreciate the importance of being quick to seize this opportunity.

These Shirts and Drawers come in white, tan, blue and natural colors. The Shirts are finished with ribbed bottoms, pearl buttons and they have silk binding around neck and down the front. The Drawers are reinforced and gusseted and are finished with suspender tapes and pearl buttons. This underwear would really be cheap at, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a garment, for it would cost at wholesale to-day much more than our selling price of 59c. Main, front, left,

Our Unapproachable Night Shirt for Men at 39c.

We've more of the splendid Night Shirts, which evoked such enthusiastic buying when they went on sale last week at 39c. each. And no wonder, for better value was never

These Shirts are well made of an exceptionally good quality muslin. They're cut extra full and long, have pearl buttons, fancy trimming down the front, and they're finished with felled seams. In a word, they are first-class Shirts in every detail, and Duchesse, an extra strong and seryou'd never expect to buy them for viceable quality, at per yd 560 and sleeveless, finished with silk the low price at which we're able to

Men's \$2.00 and \$3.00 Stiff and Soft Fall Hats at \$1.48.

Main, left, front.

line of Men's \$2.00 to \$3.00 soft and cut or break and for which we are stiff Hats that went on sale last the sole agents in Brooklyn, go at, week at \$1.48 to warrant another per yd...... announcement of the offering-but you'll have to get here in a hurry to take advantage of it.

These hats are made in the approved new Fall shapes and they are correct in every particular. The colors are black, brown, mocha and

By taking advantage of this early chance you'll get a high class Hat in an absolutely correct shape for the coming season and you'll be in pocket on an average from one to two dollars.

If you've still use for a Straw Hat you can have any of those we've left, for... Second floor, New Building.

THE "OPEN SHELF" SYSTEM. its Great Success in the Branches of the Free Circulating Library.

"The only proper way to manage a circulating library so as to avoid all unnecessary delay and friction in the bringing together of ook and reader, is to run it upon the openshelf system," said J. Norris Wing, the librarian of the New York Free Circulating Library, in answer to a query as to how he liked the change that had been made in the library under his charge. The New York Free Circulating Library in round numbers has 135,000 volumes on its shelves, and their total circulation for the last library year was 1,241.000. It operates eleven branches, distributed over the territory of Manhattan. They are situated as follows: 49 Bond street, 135 Second avenue. 251 West Thirteenth street, 130 West Twentythird street, 215 East Thirty-fourth street, 226 West Forty-second street, 261 West Sixtyninth street, 1523 Second avenue, 206 West 100th street, 18 West 125th street, and the newest branch opened six weeks ago, at 22

From 1880, when the first branch was opened, up to about eighteen months ago the public was excluded from the places where the books were kept, and when the proposition was made to give the readers free access to all books in the library many of the attendants shook heir heads. The experiment was tried, however, first in one and then in another branch, and the innovation has proved so satisfactory that to-day the open shelf system is in operation in ever one of them. The difficulties that had to ercome were many, lack of space and un-

Great Blanket Sale.

There has probably never been a more opportune offering of Blanket Bargains than this. Coming as it does when the prices of all sorts of necessities (especially those made of wool) are to give you an opportunity to supply rapidly jumping upward, it must prove as welcome as it certainly is unexpected. It took immense orders placed months ago, in anticipation of this advance, to enable • us to sell you now, high grade Blankets at the same low prices as those prevailing last year when values had touched rock bottom. This means

A Saving of From \$1.00 to \$5.00 a Pair

on the present retail figures.

per pair.

Of course the prices fixed for this event cannot be continued when our present holdings are exhausted, and it is, therefore, advisable to take the fullest advantage of this opportunity while it lasts. Included in the assortment are some Blankets with very slight mill imperfections-so slight as to be hardly notice-

able and in no way impairing the wearing quality of the goods.
10-4 cotton and wool Blankets, per pair \$1.59 \$2.50 and \$2.75
11-4 cotton and wool Blankets, per pair\$1.89, \$2.75. \$3.25, \$3.75
12-4 cotton and wool Blankets, per pair
10-4 all wool Blankets, per pair\$.2.25
11-4 all wool Blankets, per pair \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.98
11-4 (72x81 inches), 5 1-2 lbs. fine all wool California Blankets, per
pair
12-4 (76x86 inches), 6 lbs. extra good quality all wool Blankets, per
pai/\$5.49
12-4 (82x88 inches), 6 1-2 lbs. superfine, all wool California Blankets,

Bed Spreads Also.

Full size Crochet Bed Spreads, hemmed ready for use, regular 85c. quality, at ... Full size, extra fine satin finish Spreads, hemmed ready for use, made o sell for \$2.98; go at..... \$1.98

Some Very Interesting Black Silk Items.

1,000 yds. of all silk black Satin 1,500 vds, of 24 in, all silk black signs, at per yd..... 59c

1,200 yds. of 21 inch all silk black figured Taffeta, all new and exclusive patterns at, per yd......790 2,000 yds. of the Sterling guaran-

teed black dress Taffeta, a rich, hand-.....\$1.00

Ribbons at Reduced Prices.

New Building, Main floor.

Narrow Novelty Ribbons in 15 styles of

Finest quality white and cream Peau de Sole, contains a scarcely noticeable flaw in weaving, which, while it does not im-pair the quality of the ribbon, cuts the price nearly one half.

3% in. wide, regular price 45c. yd., at 25c 4 in. wide, regular price 50c., yd., at 29c 5 in. wide, regular price 60c., yd., at 35c

vests. The first is an excellent vest made of fine combed Cotton, low necked

tape

Two Strong Values in

Women's Ribbed Under-

in several styles, some are finished We've also included in this lot some We've enough left of the sample some silk, which is warranted not to fine "mercerized" silk vests with low is. necks and no sleeves. Take your

Women's Stockings at 19c. Pair—They're Bargains.

You can look for very exceptional value in these stockings and you'll not be disappointed. Some are made of fine fast black cotton with unbleached split feet, double soles, highspliced heels and toes; others are of fine fast black lisle with double soles, heels and toes; and there are also some Richelieu ribble lisle thread stockings with black boots and fancy colored tops - these have double heels and toes. Pick from the lot at bargain. They all go at per pair 190 a pair at

Carpet News that Will Be Read with Profit.

In common with the advance on all woolen textiles, Carpet prices have gone rocketing skyward and Carpet wanters this fall will have to pay well for their purchases-that is if they are unwise enough to let this chance slip by. We're going your present or prospective Carpet needs at a very large savingfor when carpet prices were lowest we placed large orders with the leading makers and we are now prepared to offer you the goods

At 10c. to 50c. a yard below prevailing prices.

The Carpets included in this sale are new goods in the latest fall patterns. The variety of designs is very large and they are all beautiful and desirable.

Ingrain Carpets that are now selling regularly at 50c. and 70c. yd. go at 59c.

Decidedly Cheap These Wom en's Shirt Waists.

White Waists. Fine white lawn Waists in striped

and figured effects, tailor finish, were sold for \$1.48, go at......590 1,000 very fine white lawn Waists, stylishly made, with whole front of narrow hemstitched tucking in both bias and bayadere effects, finished with large pearl buttons, back has pointed yoke with stitched plaits tapering to the waist-a short time since this waist would have been counted cheap at \$1.75, to-morrow it

Extra quality white lawn Waists, front made with three rows of handsome embroidered insertion in bias effect, were originally \$2.48, now

Colored Waists.

It seems we can't get enough of The second is a fine lisle thread these pretty pink and blue percale Vest, richelieu and fine ribbed, low | Shirt Waists, for there's no end to the neck and sleeveless-This vest comes | demand. Here's another lot of them for to-morrow, however. The front with neat lace at neck and shoulders, is made with bias, hemstitched tucks; others with lace and silk tape- also tucked yoke in back, self collars and cuffs, pearl buttons. The price

Very fine figured Madras Waists, with full front and plaited bick,

Women's Oxfords at 93c. Pair.

Only 377 pairs—the accumulation of several lines left from the season's selling—There are the popular Juliet and Princess Low Shoes, as well as Oxford Ties-made of tan and black viei kidskin in desirable up-to-date styles. Not all sizes of each style-but mostly all sizes and widths in the collection. If you paid double our price you'd get a random and you can't miss getting a splendid bargain-for you can get

Second floor, New Building.

suitable shelf arrangements being the most | the running about in looking for books, and | IHE FIGURES WITH MOVING HEADS. Some Heads Balanced and Suspended, Others Actuated by Clockwork.

There may be observed in store windows various show figures with moving heads that keep constantly moving. These include human figures and the figures of various animals. The human figure may be that of a woman with a smiling face, who nods her head slowly and smoothly and gracefully from side to side; the animal may be one of many, 'Now we are fresh when our day's work is a bear, or a giraffe, or a lion, inclining its head

perhaps forward and back. In smaller, cheaper animals, there are made figures with movable balanced heads suspended on a hook within the body. Such a head, started swinging, will swing for some little time, but with a diminishing motion until it ceases; larger and more elaborate fig-ures are equipped with clockwork, which means they may be made to sway their heads, each in its own way, for hours at a time with unfailing regularity.

CAUDLE BROTHERS, TWINS.

Daughters.

twin story is told by J. C. Harrison, a drum-mer, who has just returned from a trip in the mountains of Kentucky and Virginia. Hesays that at Caney, Morgan county, Ky., there are two merchants known under the firm name of Caudie Brothers. They are twins, and so much alike that they can hardly be distinguished. They married twin sisters and they each have twin girl bables, which so much resemble each other that there is danger of getting the children mixed almost daily.

Married Twin Sisters and Each Has Twin MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Aug. 19,-A remarkable

A well known man-Trunks Less than Cost our offer for a lot of excellentTrunks

on at an astonishing low price just to prove our trunk purchasing ability. If you want a trunk bargain better come Monday. to Make.

Clearance Sale The few reof Refrigerators. maining Refrigerators, they are the best made, we offer at prices so low that you can afford to replace an old one. The room they take up is worth more than the loss of profit.

sheets, good quality of tissue, 5 rolls

East Broadway.

formidable ones, but the arrangements are | the carrying them from all parts of the buildnow such that the system can be said to have demonstrated its superiority over all other library systems. It simply means that any member of the library, if he wishes to borrow a book goes directly to the proper shelf, makes his own selection, has it charged to him and

goes away.

fers a great many advantages to the reader.

have asked for anything else. To the librarians also the open shelf system

It will be seen at a glance that this method of-

There is no longer any need for his spending his time in looking over the catalogue for the proper number of the book he wants, no more filling out call slips, and no waiting till the librarian returns after a weary search to inform him that the book is out. All shelves are marked plainly, showing what sort of books they contain, and the subdivisions hold the volumes in alphabetical order of their authors. One walks to the shelf, sees at a glance whether the book is there or not and if necessary chooses something else. The saving of time in itself is quite welcome to the average reader, but it is by no means the greatest benefit he derives from the system. It allows him to bandle books, look at them, browse in them and judge for himself whether he would care to read a certain book. To many people it is nothing short of a revelation that other books have been written besides popular novels, and many a girl has learned to read history, literature and scientific works who came to the library to get the novels by "The Duchess," and would never

has been a boon in more than one way. It has saved them a great deal of physical fatigue.

ing to the delivery deak, and the reduction in the amount of purely physical labor has made them more alert to exercise their influence in another direction. They now come into close personal contact with the readers, they are being constantly asked whether they would recommend one book or another, and the irritation consequent upon crowds clamoring outside the railing is gone. One of the women librarians said: done. Moreover, we know that we can and do help the people who use the library to an ex-

tent not one of us thought possible under the old system. Before we mostly only carried books: now we advise about books." There are, however, two serious drawbacks hat go with the open shelf system. First of all, the books suffer much more. They are

handled by many hands. This tells, and the wear and tear is much greater than under the old system. The second difficulty lies in the seemingly

utter imposability of preventing the stealing of books. It seems to be almost to be expected that books will be stolen from any library; and the opportunities for thefts naturally increase by operating the library upon the open-shelf system. Still the experience of the Free Circulating Library, with a clientele of all ages, races and conditions of people is, that, as a whole, these thefts are not of such importance as to offset the benefits of the system, and one of the librarians in charge of a branch remarked. "I do not know how many books were stolen elsewhere, but in my branch the thefts do not amount to anything worth speaking about and eves if they'd steal much more. I would still prefer the open shelf." the opportunities for thefts naturally increase